

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/677,732

Applicant(s)

HERNACKI ET AL.

Examiner

Samson B. Lemma

Art Unit

2132

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Samson B. Lemma. (3) _____

(2) William J. James Registration No. 40,661. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 11 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 11 and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

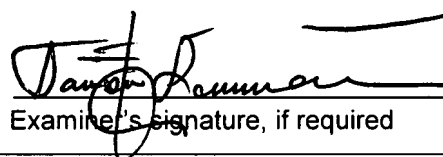
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative explained how the claim limitation recited in the submitted RCE is distinct from the prior art. Furthermore Representative, William James and examiner discussed the limitation recited in the independent claims and the corresponding art used for rejecting the claims. Furthermore the parties discussed, how the independent claims should be amended to clarify the claim language and consequently overcome the ground of rejection set forth in the previous office action. Accordingly, both parties (Examiner and applicant's representative) agreed on further clarifying the claim languages of the respective independent claims 1, 11 and 17. Finally both parties agreed the claim language that would overcome the ground of rejection and possibly makes the application allowable. Examiner however, suggested that further search, consideration and approval from the supervisor is required before determining whether or not the application is allowable. .